13.	Ramakrishna Mission Sevashram, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh Delhi	Rs. 4,00,000.00
14.	Dhamshila Cancer Foundation & Research Centre, Delhi	Rs. 4,00,000.00

Special Health Scheme for Rural Areas

List of Voluntary Organisations who have received Finanical Assistance during the year 1997-98 under Grant-in-aid Scheme

Scheme for improvement of Medical Services

	Maharashtra	
1.	D.M.M. Ayurved Mahavidyalya & Laxmanrao Kalaspurkar Ayurved Hospital, Yavatmal, Maharashtra.	Rs. 1,50,000/-
2.	Shree Vivekananda Nursing Home, Shri Shivaji Nagar, Post-Rahuri Factory, Distt. Ahmednagar Maharashtra.	Rs. 4,00,000/-
	West Bengal	
3.	Behala Balananda Brahmchari Hospital & Research Centre, Calcutta, West Bengal	Rs. 3,23,600/-
4.	Sarath Kshay Nivaran Samiti, Akshaygadh Keshod, Distt. Junagarh, Gujarat	Rs. 1,00,000/-
	Uttar Pradesh	
5.	District Eye Relief Society, Rampur, Uttar Pradesh.	Rs. 4,00,000/-
	Rajasthan	
6.	Shri B.L. Dugar Ayurved Vishwa Bharti, Gandhi Vidya Mandir, Sardar Shahr, Churu, Rajasthan.	Rs. 1,00,000/-

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1.	Deendayal Research Institute, Distt. Gonda, Uttar Pradesh.	Rs. 3,00,000/-

Toxic Substance in Medicine

3442. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Express News Line dated 28th June 1998 (Indian Express Supplement) under the caption "Toxic substance found in medicine", relating to death of 15 children; and

(b) if so, the details of the enquiry conducted in the case and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information available with Govt., AIIMS had sent two unlabelled specimens of medicines collected from the relatives of the children who reportedly died due to Acute Renal Failure. These were sent to Shri Ram Institute for Industrial Research, Delhi to detect presence of Diethylenegly-col (DEG) as adulterant in them.

The Institution after testing unlabelled specimens by GC technique (Gas Chromatograph) reported that one of the specimens snowed positive test for presence of Diethyleneglycol.

In order to find out whether the unlabelled specimens of medicines collected by AIIMS, could have resulted in the death of the children, State Drugs Controller Haryana at Chandigarh advised his Sr. Drugs Inspector at

Gurgaon to lodge FIR with Sr. Superintendent Police Gurgaon to make necessary investigation in the matter. Consequently, Sr. Drugs Inspector Gurgaon has requested SSP Gurgaon to register FIR against the doctor who reportedly dispensed the medicines and make necessary investigation of the entire episode.

FEE Hike in AIIMS

3443. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI K.M. KHAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether AIIMS students have a opposed fee hike passed by the authorities without approval of students; and

(b) if so, the details thereof with action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) A proposal to enhance the fees in respect of all the courses run in the Institute was discussed in various fora of the Institute. It was noted that almost right from the inception of the Institute, tution fees and other charges have not been revised in respect of various courses being conducted at the Institute. It was decided that the enhancement should be made applicable to prospective candidates. The matter was placed before the Governing Body on 17.6.98.

Highest Percentage of Drop-outs at Primary Level among Muslims

3444. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the highest percentage of drop-outs at primary level is among the Muslims in India;

(b) the steps and measures proposed by Government to reduce the percentage of drop-outs among Muslims in India; and

(c) if no steps are taken, a section of society will continue to remain backward; if so, what is the solution in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Disaggregated data pertaining to education of minorities is not maintained at the national level. However the Government lays special emphasis on the educational development of educationally backward minorities. In pursuance of the provisions of the National Policy on Education the Department of Education has launched Schemes like the Area Intensive Progrmmes for Educationally Backward Minorities and Modernisation of Madrasa Education in 1993-94 which have a specific focus on monority education.

There are other schemes of the Department of Education like the District Primary Education Programme, Operation Blackboard, Non-Formal Education, Mid-Day Meal Scheme, which also aims at improving the educational condition of minorities at the primary level.

Percentage of Marks required for seeking admission in science stream of class XIth

3445. SHRI RAGHAVJI:
SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalayas provide that students scoring certain percentage of marks or above, alone can offer science group subjects while seeking admission in XIth standard;